Anti-pollution device in electric crematorium

362. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution department has any plan to help the metropolitan local bodies for establishing anti-pollution devices in the electric crematorium; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) Under the National River Conservation Plan, Government supports local bodies for setting up electric as well as improved wood based crematoria. Financial assistance is also provided to implementing agencies for minimising air pollution by installing hood and chimney over the units. Such arrangements have been approved in 12 units in Haryana.

Global warming due to Air traffic

†363. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the temperature of the earth and atmosphere is on the rapid rise owing to the pollution caused by heavy air traffic throughout the world, as has been stated by the environmentalists; and

(b) if so, whether due to this the threat of global warming is taking a serious turn and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) The climatic impact of emissions, as a result of aviation are difficult to quantify directly. However aviation is also a source of greenhouse gases contributing to global warming. Some estimates by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)—a United Nation's body constituted for assessing climate change globally, has reported that aviation contribution to global warming is projected to increase slightly over the next fifty years.

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